

APPLES**STATE'S UTILIZED APPLE PRODUCTION INCREASED**

MINNESOTA: Minnesota's 1999 utilized apple production was estimated at 19.3 million pounds, up 0.6 million pounds from 1998, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The 1999 total apple production is estimated at 24.9 million pounds, which increased 1.1 million pounds from last year's crop.

The value received for the 1999 crop was down 4% from 1998 and the average price per pound was down 3.1 cents per pound. The preliminary average price received for Minnesota apples was 41.3 cents per pound compared with 44.4 cents in 1998. The price includes fresh sales (both retail and wholesale) plus processing sales on a delivered wholesale basis. Both production and price estimates are subject to revision when the updated annual summary is published in August.

UNITED STATES: Utilized apple production for 1999 was estimated at 10.5 billion pounds, 2 percent less than 1998. Production in Eastern States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in Washington, Colorado, and Idaho.

CROP YEAR	UTILIZED PRODUCTION (MILLION LBS.)	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE (CENTS PER LB.)	VALUE (1,000 DOLLARS)
MINNESOTA:			
1995	18.8	40.3	7,580
1996	18.8	46.0	8,644
1997	17.5	44.3	7,757
1998	18.7	44.4	8,304
1999	19.3	41.3	7,965
UNITED STATES:			
1995	10,390	17.0	1,765,582
1996	10,330	15.9	1,641,462
1997	10,254	15.4	1,575,403
1998	10,761	12.3	1,322,319
1999	10,519	16.0	1,678,891

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